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10 INVENTION: METHOD, SYSTEM AND COMPUTER PROGRAM  
FOR COMPRESSING AND TRANSMITTING IMAGE  
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SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant requests  
that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-  
1449 form, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R.  
20 §1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above mentioned  
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**DISCUSSION OF RELEVANCE**

Enclosed for the Examiner's review is a copy of the six references cited in  
the International Search Report. The Examiner's attention is directed to the  
International Preliminary Examination Report wherein all claims are found to  
meet the three standards of patentability over the cited prior art.

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Also enclosed for the Examiner's review is a copy of the references

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10 JP-A-11-65 793 cited and described in the introduction of the  
present application, and further references

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Favorable consideration of the enclosed art is hereby requested.

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